

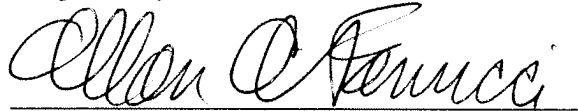
REMARKS

Claims 13-29, as amended, appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 15-20 is noted with appreciation. In response, claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 15, which is canceled, while claims 16, 17 and 19 have been re-written in independent form. As all other pending claims depend directly or indirectly from one of claims 13, 16, 17 and 19, it is respectfully submitted that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree, then a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues and expedite the eventual allowance of this application.

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